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RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCIENTISTS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to provide more Research opportunities to scientists and technologists who are doing their research work in India:

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The funds earmarked for the purposes during the current financial year ?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES(KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): Almost all science funding agencies of the Government of India like Department of Science and Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology

(DBT), Ministry of Earth Sciences (MES), Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Department of Space

(DOS), Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), etc. and other organizations like University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)have a large number of schemes to provide research opportunities to scientists and technologists working in the country. There are a number of schemes for financial support to individual researchers, prestigious fellowships for outstanding scientists like the Ramanujan Fellowships, JC Bose Fellowships, Ramanna Fellowships, Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Fellowships, KS Krishnan Fellowships, etc., schemes for establishing advanced research facilities and centres of excellence, for organizing seminars/symposia, for training research students, for undertaking applied and technology-related projects jointly with industry, for undertaking joint research projects with their peers abroad, and so on. Such programmes have also been dynamic in character and have been changing as per the requirements of the scientists working in the country. Information about such programmes of various agencies and the budgetary allocations are available at their websites. The website addresses of DST, DBT and CSIR are www.dst.gov.in, www.dbtindia.gov.in, www.csir.res.in, respectively. Information about R&D Funding Schemes of Government of India is given in the DST publication entitled `General Information on Research & Development Funding Schemes of Central Government Departments/Agencies`.

(c) The Science and Technology sector budget of Government of India for 2006-07 is Rs. 7524 crores.